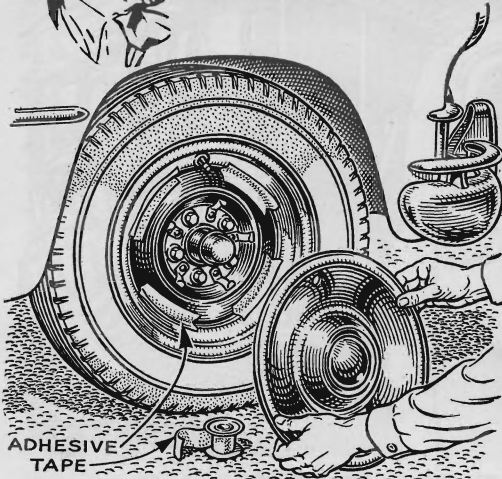




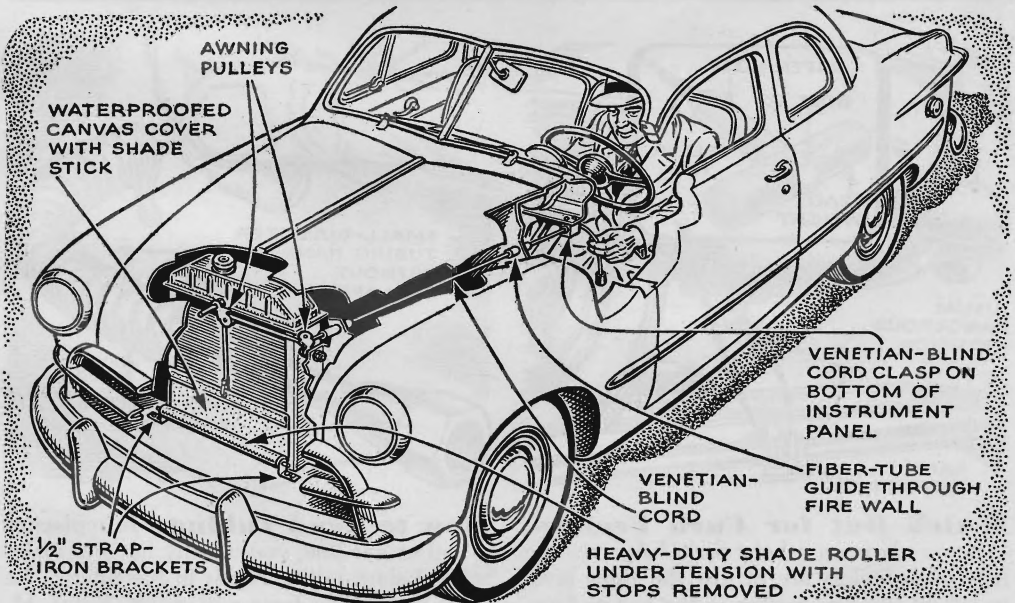
## Hints from the Model Garage



**Stones in Your Hub Caps?** On gravel roads, small stones can fly through the slots in the backs of the wheels and rattle around in the hub caps. To keep them out, Alvin G. Gunter, of Rockford, Ill., suggests putting tape over the slots.



**Drain Holes Save Muffler.** If your new muffler doesn't have drain holes, drill a couple of small ones in the places shown in the sketch. These will allow water and condensation to drain out, reducing the likelihood of the muffler rusting.

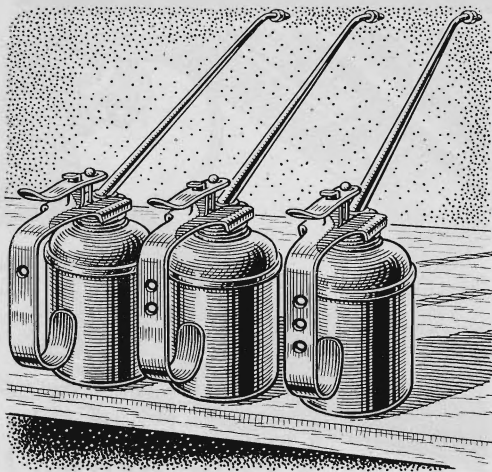


**Radiator Cover Warms Engine.** When the thermometer dips toward zero, an adjustable radiator cover will give your engine a nice boost. Donald Rich-

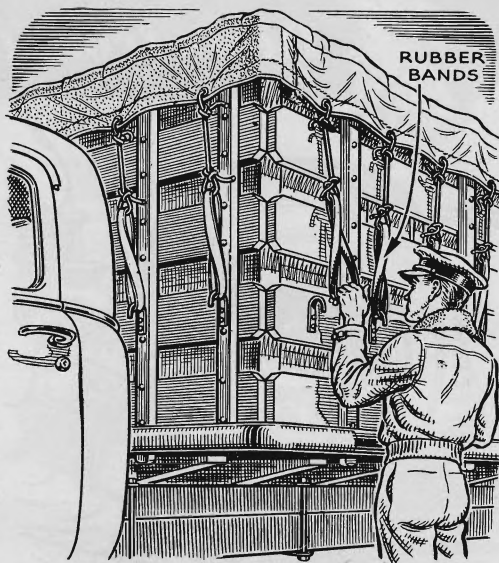
ards, of Brooklyn, N. Y., installed this one after finding he got little benefit from his hot-water heater on cold days. The cover can be adjusted while driving.

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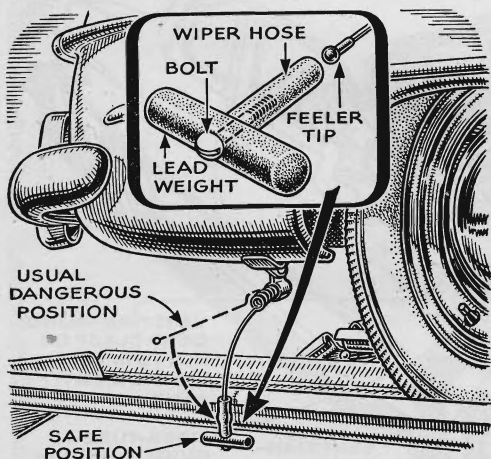
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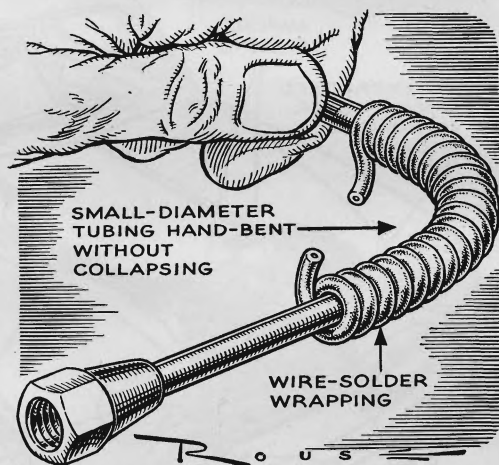
**Holes Identify Grade of Oil.** In some shops it's common practice to keep several similar pump oilers filled with oil of different grades for different jobs. To avoid mixups, Marion L. Rhodes, of Knightstown, Ind., suggests drilling identifying holes in the handles—one for No. 10, two for No. 20, and three for No. 30.



**Rubber Holds Truck Cover.** To save time in lashing a tarpaulin over a stake body, cut rubber bands from an inner tube and tie one to the end of each rope. Then you can slip the rubber band on or off the hook instead of tediously tying or untying the rope. The elastic keeps the ropes and cover tight.



**Watch Out for Curb Feelers.** When a car is on a hoist for a lube job, the new curb feelers are at just the right level to jab an unwary worker in the eye or face. To eliminate this hazard, Marion L. Rhodes, of Knightstown, Ind., keeps on hand a couple of weights made as shown in the sketch above.



**How to Bend Tubing.** In replacing an oil or gas line, you usually have to make several short-radius bends in the tubing. To keep the tubing from collapsing, Frank M. Butrick, of Alma, Mich., suggests first wrapping it at the bend point with a piece of wire solder. Remove the solder after making the bend.